

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 4, 2025
Subject: HB 2070 - Enacting the dietitian compact to provide interstate practice privileges for dietitians.

HB 2070, as introduced, would enact the dietitian compact to provide interstate practice privileges to dietitians.

Section 1 states the purpose of dietitian compact, which is to facilitate interstate practice of dietetics with the goal of improving public access to dietetics services.

Section 2 provides definitions for terms used throughout the compact. The definition of “registered dietitian” in subsection (w) means a person who has completed applicable education, experience, examination and recertification requirements approved by CDR, is credentialed by CDR as a registered dietitian or a registered dietitian nutritionist and is legally authorized to use the title registered dietitian or registered dietitian nutritionist and the corresponding abbreviations "RD" or "RDN."

Section 3 sets out the criteria for states to participate in the compact. These criteria include that the state currently license and regulate the practice of dietetics, participate in the compact commission’s data system and comply with the rules of the compact commission.

Section 4 provides criteria for the ability to exercise the compact privilege, which are the terms the licensee must fulfill to receive practices privileges under the compact.

Section 5 provides the criteria for obtaining a new home license based upon the compact privilege, which states the steps a licensee must take if such licensee changes their home state by moving between two member states.

Section 6 states that active military members or their spouses shall designate a home state and that the military member or spouse may retain such home state license during active duty assignment.

Section 7 outlines the ability for a member state to take adverse action on a multistate license based on investigative information, current significant investigative information or the adverse action of a remote state.

Section 8 provides for the establishment and operation of the dietitian licensure compact commission.

Section 9 requires that the commission provide for the development and maintenance of a coordinated data system for all applicants for a multistate license in all member states.

Section 10 requires that the commission adopt rules and regulations to implement and administer the provisions of the compact.

Section 11 sets out the rules for oversight, dispute resolution and enforcement of the compact.

Section 12 states that the effective date of the commission is upon passage in the 7th member state. Procedures for a state's withdrawal and amendment of the compact are also provided.

Section 13 contains a severability clause, which gives instructions to a court interpreting the compact if a provision is held unconstitutional.

Section 14 provides that nothing in the compact is to prevent or inhibit the enforcement of any other law or regulation in a participating state.

HB 2070 would take effect after its publication in the statute book on July 1, 2025. There were no committee amendments, and the bill passed the house on a vote of 119-0.